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In re Application of: William T. Jennings
Serial No.: 09/668,026
Filing Date: September 21, 2000
Group Art Unit: 2131
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